

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned office action, claim 4 was rejected under Section 102 (e) over Funnell, and claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16 were allowed.

The applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16.

For purposes of most quickly placing the application in condition for allowance, and not for reasons of acquiescence to the grounds of rejection of claim 4, claim 4 is cancelled, as noted in the listing of claims set forth herein.

As only allowed claims, i.e., claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16 remain pending, the application is believed to be in condition for issuance of allowance of the application. Such early action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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